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In re Patent Application of

Timothy Lee

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §114, of the above-identified application.

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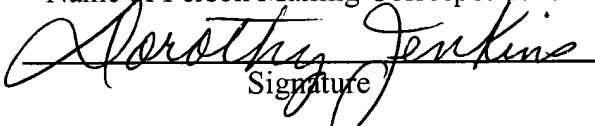
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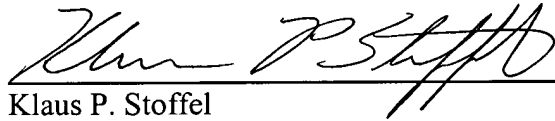

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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is an RCE submission in response to the final Office Action mailed September 22, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
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